TEMPORARY PAUSE ON JOHNSON & JOHNSON VACCINE

















DECISION BUILT ON TRUST

Every day, millions of people are making the decision to get vaccinated — including many who originally weren't so sure they would. They're getting vaccinated because it's one more way to protect themselves and their loved ones.

And the reason they're comfortable making that decision is trust — trust in their doctors' recommendations, trust in their family's and friends' experiences, and trust that the FDA and CDC are doing absolutely everything in their power to ensure the safety of these vaccines.

TEMPORARY PAUSE

Out of an abundance of caution, the Louisiana Department of Health is placing a temporary pause on all administration of the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine. Vaccine availability of Pfizer and Moderna will continue uninterrupted.

BLOOD CLOTTING CONCERNS

Federal health agencies are investigating whether six reported cases of blood clotting in other states were caused by the J&J vaccine. All six cases occurred among women ages 18-48, and symptoms occurred 6 to 13 days after vaccination. As of April 14, more than 7.2 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine have been administered in the U.S.

EXTREMELY RARE EVENTS

Right now, these adverse events appear to be extremely rare. People who have received the J&J vaccine who develop severe headaches, abdominal pain, chest pain, leg pain or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination should contact their healthcare provider.

SAFETY IS #1

The State of Louisiana takes vaccine safety very seriously, and this temporary pause should give the public and providers confidence the system of monitoring and safety checks are working as intended.

VACCINE HOTLINE

If you have questions about COVID-19 vaccines and want to talk to a medical professional, find a provider in your area or schedule a vaccine appointment, call the vaccine hotline at 1-855-453-0774.